

Application No.: 09/877,645

Applicant : CABEDO-DESLIERRES et al.

Examiner : Shay L. Balsis

Correction required by Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (37 CFR 1.121) of 06/01/04,
Mailed on 06/24/04

Amendment to the Claims

The Claims as presented in the Amendment of September 30, 2003 need some corrections mainly to comply with the Examiner's report dated 2/04/04.

Claim 1 (Currently Amended) : A toothbrush comprising ~~including~~ a conventional family of

bristles at one end for brushing the teeth, and a double parallel cylindrical handle at the other end for grasping the toothbrush, and ~~contained therein~~ wherein internal recess chambers hold an interdental hard brush and a periodontal gum massager stimulator tip, or any other combination of periodontal tools, thus providing multiple dental tools in one assemblage, comprising,

- a. said two recess chambers that ~~can be~~ are cylindrical ~~or any other shape~~ within the handle for holding and guiding the said periodontal tools as they extend for use, and retract ~~and protecting them while the toothbrush is being used for the common brushing function~~ for protection while not in use,
- b. two identical sliders that slide within said recess chambers and that have extension tubes attached to each of their two end terminations,
- c. two external buttons that travel in two slots that engage said sliders, and can be moved horizontally by finger movement,
- d. said slots in the wall of said recess chambers which control the movement of said buttons, that are keyed to said sliders, through said slots,

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Cont. of **Claims** (Currently Amended)

- e. said slots in the wall of said recess chambers that guide said buttons movement, and define the travel length of said buttons and said sliders, and position[s] said buttons for initial start and final extend positions,
- f. said extension tubes that are attached to said sliders, and move them by being keyed to said buttons, and can extend out of the end of said recess chambers a distance equivalent to the length of said slots in said recess chambers,
- g. said extension tubes that can hold and retain on their end termination an interdental hard brush, a gum massager stimulator tip or other periodontal tools,
- h. said recess chambers that contain hinged close-out [[caps]] covers at their end terminations to inhibit and prevent contamination from entering while said periodontal tools are not in use.

Claims 17, 18 and 19 (canceled).

(**Claims** 2 - 16 had been canceled in the Amendment of Sep. 30, 2003)